

VERMONT NEWS

A Revised Form of Committing People to Insane Asylum Adopted.

At a recent conference in Montpelier between Dr. Don D. Grout, superintendent of the insane at Waterbury, and Judge F. E. Alfred, of Newport, a uniform blank of commitment of inmates to the asylum was agreed on. The legislature at the recent session directed a commission to prepare and print uniform probate blanks. This commission which was composed of Probate Judges Alfred and Bingham, of Burlington, and A. F. Shwenk, of Brattleboro, also prepared commitment blanks for use in cases where persons were sent to the asylum. Section 3773 requires that commitment blanks shall be prepared by the trustees of the asylum, and the trustees and governor requested Dr. Grout to prepare these blanks. In order to relieve a complex situation the conference was arranged between Dr. Grout and Judge Alfred in Montpelier and a form was agreed to which will be accepted by the trustees and printed and such other forms in use will be destroyed or not issued. The blanks will conform to the decision of the supreme court. The dispatches from Bennington state that the probate judge there has not and will not sign any of the blanks, since neither the statute nor the Supreme Court decision empowers him to take any such course. The selection of the physicians for the examination of a person alleged to be insane "and dangerous" (as must hereafter be specified in the citations) is to be made by relatives, or in the case of town charges, by the overseer. Brattleboro physicians were suggested by Dr. Lawton. The statement by the physicians is the evidence upon which the court acts. This is the view taken of the situation by the probate judge there and it is also the opinion of legal counsel that the town authorities will not be responsible for the keeping of the State charges as has been stated, just how soon action will be taken for the commitment of patients from Bennington probate district is not known but it can be safely said that the fees for the examination of the 20 or more patients will not be paid to Brattleboro physicians.

Damages by Deer Paid.

Three counties in Vermont did not draw any deer damage money from the state, according to the figures just compiled by State Fish and Game Commissioner H. G. Thomas, both Windsor and Bennington counties brought the total up so well that there was an average expenditure of \$350 per county during the year. Essex, Grand Isle and Orleans were the non-assessing counties. Windsor drew a total of \$1,692.32 for damage and costs, the latter being the warden's expenses for adjusting damages. Bennington came next, with an assessment of \$1,127.71.

The tabulation by counties is as follows:

	Damages.	Costs.	Total.
Addison	\$ 32.00	\$ 49.50	\$ 81.50
Bennington	1,004.92	122.79	1,127.71
Caledonia	95.00	18.63	113.63
Chittenden	31.00	11.10	42.10
Essex			
Franklin	6.00	7.00	13.00
Grand Isle			
Lamoille	45.50	11.41	56.91
Orange	36.50	9.00	45.50
Orleans			
Rutland	380.50	79.98	460.48
Washington	267.30	52.73	320.03
Windham	873.28	89.50	962.88
Windsor	1,431.78	260.50	1,692.28
Totals	\$4,203.88	\$712.44	\$4,916.32

This damage money is paid out under a law of 1906, which grants redress for loss of crops, fruit trees or shubbery, notice of claims being required within 10 days of the time when the loss was alleged to have been sustained. The determination of the amount of damage done is left to the selectmen and the game warden of the town in which the claimant resides. The greater proportion of the claimed damages in this part of Vermont was to growing crops, although the complaints were not numerous. In southern Vermont, there was considerable complaint of damage to orchard trees.

A Water Injunction.

An injunction secured by the state board of health, restraining M. E. Wheeler, Aaron Sheldon, Mark Tenney, G. W. Sawyer, Michael Rooney and Keuben Ranger, all of Mendon, from further polluting the Mendon branch of the East creek, used in supplying drinking water for Rutland city, has been granted by Chancellor William H. Taylor.

The bill of complaint sets up that along this stream and its tributaries are various farms and farm buildings, owned or occupied by the various men named, that the Rutland city reservoir is located at a point below the farms, and that the farms and buildings discharge sewage and drainage from barnyards and pigpens and other refuse, tending to pollute the stream. This, it claims, is a menace to the public health "and particularly that from the dwelling house of M. E. Wheeler, occupied by Aaron Sheldon, where there is a sink drain which discharges house sewage on the ground and thence into the waters of the Mendon branch," and that upon the other farms mentioned there are nuisances, consisting in most instances of manure piles, barns and pigpens, which contaminate the stream.

The bill of complaint further states that the state board of health last October issued orders, which were duly posted in Mendon and served, restraining the defendants from polluting the stream, and that, despite this order, the nuisances cited have not been abated.

Want State Money to Promote Game.

The Rutland Gun club, which has for its object game preservation and propagation as well as the promotion of trap shooting, is to ask the State, through H. G. Thomas of Stowe, State fish and game commissioner, to allow the club money from the hunting license fund to try the experiment of stocking Rutland county coverts with Hungarian partridges. Rutland sportsmen have been in communication with persons who have liberated Hungarian partridges in this country and they believe the bird the most desirable of any foreign game which could be secured. The bird is between the size of the native quail and ruffed grouse and is said to inhabit the same kind of woods as the partridge. The local gunners believe that it would be better to experiment with the birds about Rutland than farther north in the State where there is more snow. Farmers have been hired by the gun club to feed a few quail which are still left from a very liberated some years ago.

Inspection of National Guard.

Sergeant John C. Cady, First infantry, U. S. A., will make the next annual inspection for the government of the companies of the First regiment, Vermont national guard. Sergeant Cady is

detailed by the war department. He will report at Norwich university before making the inspections. Sergeant Cady will visit Company A of Rutland, February 21, and he will inspect the other companies on the following dates: Company D, St. Johnsbury, January 3; company L, Newport, January 10; company G, Woodstock, January 17; company E, Bellows Falls, January 31; company I, Brattleboro, February 7; company K, Bennington, February 14; company C, Brandon, February 28; company M, Burlington, March 7; company B, St. Albans, March 14; company H, Montpelier, March 21; company F, Northfield, March 28.

Held on Serious Charge.

Nelson Bonner, the Morrystown farmer who, November 1, was hit over the head with an axe by his 13-year-old son, when he was attempting to cut his wife's throat with a knife, appeared before Justice of the Peace A. A. Niles in Morrystown, Thursday. He was held in the sum of \$1,000 for his appearance at the next term of the Lamoille county court to be tried on a charge of assault with intent to kill. Being unable to furnish bail, he was placed in the county jail at Hyde Park. Bonner was intoxicated at the time that he assaulted his wife, and claimed that he remembered nothing of the happening. He was badly injured about the head by the blow struck by his young son and was taken to the Mary Fletcher hospital at Burlington for treatment. Mrs. Bonner has moved back to her old home in New York.

Suicide in Richmond.

Jesse Olmstead, aged 50, committed suicide Thursday morning by shooting himself in the head at his home in Richmond. Despondence over the thought that he was becoming blind is considered the cause for his act. He left a note saying that he would be a burden if he became blind. He was at one time master bridge builder for the Central Vermont. He leaves a wife and seven children.

During the past two years it has cost the State \$3,871.65 to run the House of Correction, or a little more than \$1,900 a year. This year the farm and garden in connection with the institution has earned sufficient money to enable the superintendent to turn over to the State \$1,290, besides supplying sufficient vegetables, milk and eggs to supply the prison.

The Windsor Farms company, with a capital stock of \$50,000, organized by five citizens of Windsor for the purpose of buying and leasing land and buildings, handling farm produce and doing a general business, have filed articles of incorporation in the office of the secretary of state.

William Lachance was arrested in Richmond charged with taking a horse and wagon belonging to Fred Farrington of Quebec, and taken to White River Junction on Monday of last week. In court he waived examination and was bound over in the sum of \$500 for the county court.

The annual meeting of the Vermont State Spiritualist Association is to be held in Montpelier, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, January 14, 15, and 16. Among the speakers of note from outside the state will be E. W. Emerson of Manchester, N. H.

Sheriff Frank H. Tracy has settled his account with the Washington county prison board for the year ending December 1, and has paid into the state's treasury, \$1,008.31 as net income for prison labor during the year. The prisoners under his care earned during the year \$1,898.73. It is asserted that the \$1,008.31 paid by Sheriff Tracy for this prison labor is more than will be turned into the state treasury for like service by the thirteen other sheriffs of the state combined.

Henry Picord, who claims to come from St. Johnsbury, and Mrs. Julia Sulham were arrested in Waterbury last Wednesday on the charge of adultery. They were unable to furnish bail and taken to Washington county jail to await appearance in court. Last Saturday Picord and Mrs. Sulham pleaded guilty to the charge against them and Judge E. M. Harvey sentenced Picord to not less than one nor more than two years at hard labor in the House of Correction at Rutland and Mrs. Sulham to not less than ten months nor more than two years in the same institution. They were taken there Monday morning.

Lynn M. Hays, state supervisor of the census announces that he will hold examinations for applicants as enumerators early in February. There are 300 districts in Vermont and about the same number of enumerators. Already 100 applications have been received. The census will be taken April 15, 1910, and will last one month. Cities of more than 5,000 inhabitants will take 14 days. The examinations are not hard.

The Baptist and Congregational churches at Saxtons River have agreed to cooperate and have each appointed a committee on fellowship to devise ways in which the two churches may work together to accomplish purposes that cannot be attained singly.

Somebody broke into the feed store of C. M. Seaver & Co., at Williamstown last week Sunday night and ransacked the place for money. It is not known whether they took any of the grain or not.

The city government of Burlington has begun a campaign to stop the illegal employment of children in the shops and mills of that city.

Spelling Schools.

Four Contests Last Week in the Central Caledonia District.

Four contests were held last week. At West Danville Roscoe A. Farrington led in the first section with William M. Fournier, Ella A. McCosco, Minnie Bell and Howard B. Smith in order. In the second section, Wayne Emery won with Marion A. Farrington, Ralph E. Woodward, and Gladys L. Knapp in order. In the general contest, Wayne Emery won again with Warren A. Farrington, John W. Armstrong, Marion A. Badger and Gladys L. Knapp next. At Melndoe Falls Alice W. Van Dyke won with Julia C. Smith, Alexander D. Gibson, Robert L. Kendall and Stanley T. Gates in order. In the second section Edna E. Gates won with Elsie C. Gates, G. Marion Van Dyke, Gladys M. Clark and Edith E. Bell in order. In the general contest, Mrs. Robert A. Kendall won with Rev. H. T. Barnard, Ethel A. and Edna E. Gates and Harry T. Manchester in order.

At West Barnet Robert L. Strobridge led with Annie M. McClellan, Evelyn E. Brownell, George T. McClellan and Homer B. Stevenson in order.

In the second section Glen W. Hastie spelled them down with William L. Brownell, Gladys L. Butson, Ralph G. Merchant and Elsie J. McLaren in order. No general contest was held.

At North Walden Thursday evening all the pupils spelled in one section. Gladys I. Orton won with Edith M. Patterson, Dorothy M. Doney, Roy C. Goodenough and Glenn J. Kittredge in order. Ray H. Norcross again won in the general contest with Harvey Burbank, Eugene A. Doney, Albert W. Stevens and Alice N. Page in order.

A spelling school will be held at the county school in Barnet Friday evening, Jan. 7, 1910.

A Winter Thanksgiving.

Vermont Association of Boston to Have New Feature to Annual Dinner.

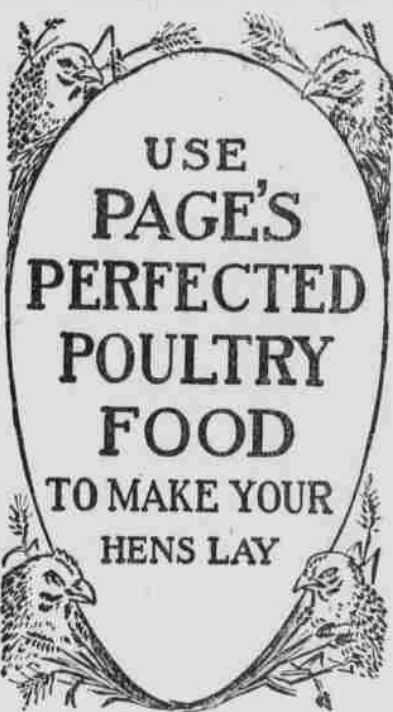
An innovation is to be tried this year by the Vermont Association of Boston for its annual dinner, which has been fixed for Thursday, Jan. 6. Instead of being served at a hotel, it will be given in the form of a Vermont Thanksgiving dinner at Mechanics Building, and both Paul Revere and Talbot Halls will be utilized. There will be turkeys from Vermont, and, following the established custom of the Green Mountain state, they will be carved at the tables. These will be arranged about the halls with ten seated at each, so that it will serve as an especially pleasant reunion of former fellow-townsmen or schoolmates. The guests will include the governors of Vermont and Massachusetts.

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Probate of Will.

ESTATE OF JAMES RITCHIE.
STATE OF VERMONT, Caledonia District, ss.
The Honorable Probate Court for the district of Caledonia: To all persons interested in the estate of James Ritchie, late of St. Johnsbury, in said district, deceased, greeting:

At a probate court, holden at St. Johnsbury within and for said district on the 7th day of Dec. A. D. 1909, an instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of James Ritchie, late of St. Johnsbury, in said district, deceased, was presented to court aforesaid, for probate.

And it is ordered by said court that the 24th day of Dec. A. D. 1909, at the probate office in said St. Johnsbury, be assigned for proving said instrument; and that notice thereof be given to all persons concerned, by publishing this order three weeks successively in the CALEDONIAN, a newspaper circulating in that vicinity, in said district, previous to the time appointed.

Therefore, you are hereby notified to appear before said court, at the time and place aforesaid, and contest the probate of said will, if you have cause.

Given under my hand at St. Johnsbury, in said district, this 7th day of Dec. A. D. 1909.

WALTER P. SMITH, Judge.

Notice of Settlement.

ESTATE OF SIDNEY T. WILKINSON.

STATE OF VERMONT, District of Caledonia, ss.
The Honorable Probate Court for the district of Caledonia: To all persons interested in the estate of Sidney T. Wilkinson, late of Lyndon in said district, deceased, greeting:

Whereas, said court has assigned the 24th day of December next for examining and allowing the account of the Administrator of the estate of said deceased and for a decree of the residue of said estate to the lawful claimants thereof; and ordered that public notice thereof be given to all persons interested in said estate by publishing this order three weeks successively previous to the day assigned in the Caledonian, a newspaper published at St. Johnsbury in said district.

Therefore, you are hereby notified to appear at the Probate Office in St. Johnsbury in said district, on the day assigned, then and there to contest, the allowance of said account if you see cause, and to establish your right as heirs, and lawful claimants to said residue.

Given under my hand, this 7th day of December A. D. 1909.

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